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25X1 12. [redacted] Met with Bob Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and advised him of the Director's interest in meeting with the CIA Subcommittee at the earliest opportunity. Michaels said the Committee has an extremely full schedule but promised to take the matter up with Mr. Mahon. I also advised that Mr. Warner had been in touch with Representative Bow in an effort to encourage Bow and Representative Lipscomb to come to the Agency for a budget session as soon as possible.

Mr. Michaels took this opportunity to express his desire for the Agency's views on the subject of counterinsurgency, citing the Department of Defense's position with respect to counterinsurgency generally and the role of the Special Forces in particular. I told Michaels we would be in touch with him on this.

25X1 13. [redacted] Met with Messrs. Knowles and Stark, Executive Director and Staff Director respectively of the Joint Economic Committee, to determine whether the Joint Committee might be interested in material relating to alleged emphasis on the part of the Soviets on agricultural programs in their 5-year plans for the period 1966-1970 and the ramifications of this on other elements of the Soviet budget, particularly defense expenditures. The staff of the Joint Committee is about to finalize their annual report on Soviet versus U.S. economy and indicated a strong interest in any prepared material which we might make available. I emphasized that this was exploratory addin, that I would consult our people further and be back in touch.

In the course of our conversation, Knowles speculated on the possibility of including (probably in next year's broader study) economic aspects of the situation in Latin America with respect to the Soviet Union and Communist China. I indicated I would take this up with our people but pointed out that security considerations might seriously limit the amount of material which could be made public on this.

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